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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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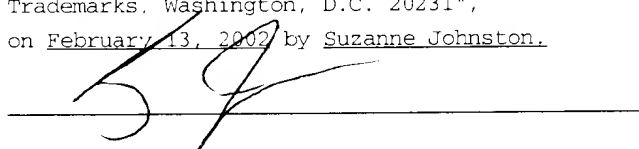
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